

Sichuan at a Glance



Background

Located in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, Sichuan Province is known for its fertile cropland and considerable natural resources. Sichuan shares borders with Qinghai, Gansu, Shanxi, Guizhou, and Yunnan Provinces, as well as with the Chongqing Special Municipality and the Tibetan Autonomous Region.



Provincial Capital: Chengdu

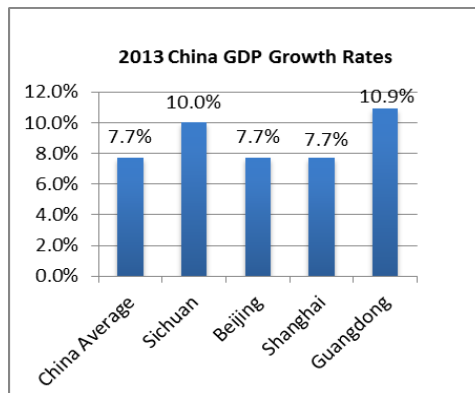
Area: 485,000 sq. km (187,260 sq. mi.)

Population: 81.07 million

Climate: Sichuan is home to a variety of terrains from the humid lush basin in the east (subtropical monsoon), to dry plateaus and mountain ranges peaking at 7,500 meters (24,600 ft.) in the west.

Major Cities: Chengdu, Mianyang, Deyang, Leshan, Yibin, Zigong.

Economy



As the province with the largest GDP in western China, and the fourth most populous province nationwide, the market in Sichuan shows great potential. Since the implementation of the central government's Western Development Strategy in 2000, Sichuan has seen economic growth consistently above the national average and has made great improvements in infrastructure, transportation and the development of Chengdu and Mianyang's high-tech sectors. Private-sector reforms have enabled foreign companies to gain better access to local government agencies and markets. At the end of 2013, 269 global Fortune 500 companies had invested in Sichuan.

GDP (2013)	US\$ 429 billion
Per Capita GDP (2013)	US\$ 5,305
GDP Growth Rate (2013)	10.0%
U.S.-Invested Companies (2013)	1,234
Foreign Investment (2013)	US\$ 10.6 billion

Trade Statistics

	Exports (US\$ billion)	Imports (US\$ billion)
2013	42.0	22.6
2012	34.5	20.7
2011	29.0	18.7

In 2013, Sichuan Province's total foreign trade volume of US\$ 65 billion was an 18 percent increase over 2012 and ranked 11th nationwide. The United States was the largest foreign trading partner for Sichuan Province in 2013.

Key Industries in Sichuan

Non-Agricultural

- Electronics, information technology
- Mechanical and equipment manufacturing
- Energy: hydropower, coal, natural gas, shale gas
- Aviation and aerospace
- Metallurgy: steel, iron, titanium
- Chemical industry
- Tourism

Agricultural

- Vegetables, fruits (citrus), cereals
- Beverages (wines), tobacco
- Wood, wood pulp
- Rawhides, leather, furs, pork
- Oilseeds, silkworm cocoons